

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Parish Office opening times:** Tuesday-Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm



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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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## For the Love of Money

A man dies and finds himself sentenced to the torments of hell for living a life indifferent to the plight of the poor. He decides to send three ghosts to warn his business partner of the fate that must surely await him too if he doesn't change his ways. Straight from the pen of Charles Dickens? Well kind of, except that Jesus told it first.

Lazarus is a poor man who lies at the gate of a rich man waiting to feed on the rich man's crumbs. Eventually the poor man dies and goes to heaven and the rich man dies and goes to hell. Distraught, the rich man begs for permission to send a ghost to warn his brothers of their possible fate, but Abraham refuses. "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

Like Ebenezer Scrooge, the rich man in today's story was a lover of money, and it is his love of money that makes him indifferent to the plight of the poor. We have to ask if he was even aware of the poor. If Lazarus lay at his gate the rich man must have had to step over him on his way in and out! In Dickens' version of the story, Ebenezer Scrooge finally realises that he is accountable and that there are no second chances once one is dead!

What would it take for us to feel fully accountable? How can we become more aware of today's 'Lazaruses'? How can we keep in mind the plight of the poor that we see fleetingly on the evening news? The parables were written to change us. The parable of the rich man and Lazarus teaches us that we must love our fellow man more than we love money. Hopefully when we have arrived at the day of reckoning, we will have afforded the poor a bit more than a few crumbs.



**BAZAAR:** Apologies for the cancellation of last week's meeting. The meeting will take place today, shortly after the 11:00 Mass. This is for anyone interested in helping with overall planning for the Christmas raffle and bazaar. Thank you.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY:** Next Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, a time when, grateful for we have been given, we share with those across the globe whose right to water, food, health care and education is not fulfilled. Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for CAFOD's work. Please take an envelope today and bring it next week. If you are a taxpayer, you are encouraged to please fill in the Gift Aid form.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** the next classes for parents wishing to have their infants baptised will be on Wednesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in St John the Evangelist church, Duncan Terrace. You should attend on both evenings please.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER:** if you intend applying for a Catholic Secondary School for your child for September 2020, you will need to have a Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by one of the priests.

Fr Séamus and Fr Allan will be available here in the Church to do this on:

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 11.00am – 12noon and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 11.00am – 12noon**

**COPENHAGEN STREET FOOD BANK:** The foodbank is in need of shower gel. If you are able to bring some to church next Sunday, that would be greatly appreciated. We continue to welcome new volunteers. If you can help on Thursdays or want information on how else to help, talk to Sister Miriam or Attracta Roden.

**OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB:** Blessed Sacrament Primary School and the Caritas Food Collective are asking for volunteers to help with a new holiday club on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, to help children and families access nutritious, healthy food and enjoy fun activities during the holidays. There are many different roles available with something to suit everyone such as catering, running children's activities, sorting food and administration. A brief information meeting for volunteers will take place in Blessed Sacrament church Hall on Wednesday, 16 October at 7:00 p.m. Please register your interest on the sign-up sheet at the church or contact Anna Gavurin [annagavurin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:annagavurin@rcdow.org.uk) / 020 7931 6077. Many thanks.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes £267.97 loose plate £236.98

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for Eleanor Macauley who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

**HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** especially Liam Buckley, Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Maria Carrano, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach, Albert Boateng, Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross, Catherine Barnes, Hazel Hoyte, Angela Neary, Irene Cullen, Gerry Twomey, Barbara Johnson, Josephine Onwuka, Pauline Timlin, Kevin Corcoran, Patrick McShane, Margaret Walsh, Florence S Philip, Amidu (Blessing) Yamba, Evelyn Corcoran, Gerry Corcoran, Eamon Hanahoe, Mary Paditey, Kieran Vos, Bridget Ryan, Barbara Baggs, Peter McNally, Mary Morgan.

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.143)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Mary Moosem Lan RIP
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	St Jerome	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	St Thérèse of Lisieux	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Guardian Angels	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	<b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.146)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Mary Moosem Lan RIP

**Weekday Masses:** Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

**Confessions:** Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

*Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome*

*Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm*